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File No. 370

*19*32.

Collection No.

Mysore Residency

Bangalore.

98/6

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Subject.

Application from Mr. P.D.Swami Rao for the purchase of Sandalwood in the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore.

Previous References.

F.No 114 of 1887.

Later References.

F No 585 of 1935

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S.N.1.

P.No.6

Letter No.5252-D-32, dated the 16th November, 1932, from the Collector, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.

The Collector, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore has forwarded a copy of an application dated the 14th October, 1932 from one Mr. P.D. Sawmi Rao, Agent and representative of Messrs. Andams & Co., offering a sum of Rs.20,000/- for the right to cut and remove matured sandalwood trees now available within the limits of the Station.

Page 14 of S.N.1 114-87. Accepted & collection cut 0

In his note dated the 9th April, 1884, Sir J.B. Lyall the then Resident has made the following observations:-

" 14. As to the Dewan's para 15, sandalwood is by the Mysore Forest Rules of 1878, and by ancient custom of the country, State property, wherever it may grow, whether in private lands or in public places, and it is necessary to maintain this right, in the Civil and Military Station, to prevent sale of smuggled sandal wood in the Civil and Military Station. For the same reason it is advisable to allow the Deputy Commissioner of Bangalore to continue to manage the exercise of the State rights in sandal-wood within the Civil and Military Station; an order will be issued from this office to the effect that, with the consent of the Durbar the Resident authorizes the Deputy Commissioner of Bangalore to manage on behalf of the British Government, the exercise of state rights in sandal-wood in the Civil and Military Station in accordance with existing forest rules, and directs him to account for all wood obtained, and sent to the Durbar's sandal-wood depots, and to pay the proceeds into the Resident's Treasury.

S.N.3 114-87. Accepted

Please see paragraph 2 of Major Robertson's letter No.465/1147, dated the 15th February, 1887, in which a reference was made to the above understanding arrived at between the Hon'ble the Resident and His Highness Government

were placed at the disposal of the Collector by the Mysore Government. Now the post of Amildar was abolished and there is no executive officer under the Collector to undertake the work with the exception of one Revenue Inspector on 35-2-65 plus special pay of Rs.10/- per mensem.

If approved the Collector may be asked u.o. whether he proposes to carry out sandal-wood operation during the current year with the assistance of a Monegar whose services willbbe obtained from the Mysore Government. If it is not possible to carry out the operation with the depleted establishment under him he may be asked to state whether he sees any objection to carry out the sandal-wood operation in the Station through the agency of Mysore Forest Department, who are accustomed to such kind/work. The District Forest Officer, Bangalore, will of course be asked to take instructions from the Collector. On receipt of his reply the Government of Mysore will be addressed in the matter. In this connection it may be noted that ¾ths of revenue derived from sandal-wood trees will go finally to Mysore Government and ¼th to Assigned Tract according to the datum line scheme.

S. N. 208
114-87

In thisconnection please see also letter No.Pol.851/ Fl.342-26-2, dated the 5th April 1927 in which the Government of Mysore took objection to the sale of sandal-wood in the Station by the Station Amildar.

Submitted for orders.

(From para 1)

T. N. Thangavelu
Mudaliar
9-12-1932.

Secretary

Reference the amount of 18½ tons now lying in the Sandal Koti: please find out from C.O. what we might expect to receive for this at present rates.

Is there any arrangement for the sale of this amount or do the Durbar hang onto it indefinitely?

10/12/32

Coorg Office.

Please see para 6 of the Progress Report of the Forest Administration in Coorg for 1931-32 in which the average cost of sandalwood per ton is given as Rs. 1029/-. Therefore we may expect to get Rs. 19,036½ for 18½ tons.

The existing arrangements for the disposal of sandalwood are at S.N. 49 and 53-A of File 114 of 1887. The sale proceeds of sandal sold should be credited annually to the Resident's Treasury, Bangalore. The Government of Mysore cannot keep the sandalwood unsold indefinitely. There may be special reasons for not selling these 18½ tons.

Submitted.

T. N. Thangavelu
Mudaliar.
10-12-1932.

Secretary.

12 Do you know any such reasons? 11/12

Ch. Ag.

No. 8381
12th Dec. 1932

To

The Collector, C & M Station, Bangalore, U.O.

P.T.O.

Paras 12 to 14 ante

Further communication from the Collector, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore, regarding the sale proceeds of the quantity of sandalwood already disposed of at the Kot out of the 18½ tons may be awaited.

Submitted for orders as to whether the Government of Mysore may now be asked to carry out the sandalwood operation in the Station as suggested in para 8 of the notes.

(From para 13)

T. N. Thangavelu
Madaliai.
2-2-1933.

Secretary.

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Spoken to the Secretary on the 8th February, 1933. As directed by the Secretary the following statement made by the Collector in P.U.C. has been verified from Coorg records and it appears that it is not quite correct:-

"I gather that a sandalwood tree comes to maturity and becomes fit for felling from 30 to 35 years of age after which the heart of the tree begins to decay".

In para 11 of his report Mr. C. McCarthy , Deputy Conservator of Forests, Coorg, states as follows:-

S. N. 19
56-98
22.1.34 (M)

" Now a sandal tree is not fit to cut even on rocky soil until it is at least 40 years old, and it is not really matured on the soils which generally obtain on the class of land under consideration until 10 or 15 years later."

From para. 11 of Mr. McCarthy's report it is clear that sandalwood trees may be considered to fully mature after 50 to 60 years.

As verbally ordered by the Secretary two draft letters to the Collector and the Chief Secretary to the Government ~~of My sare are submitted for approval.~~ of

of Mysore are submitted for approval.

(From page 17)

T. N. Thangavelu
Mudaliar
12-2-1933.

Rejected.

Rejd.

S.N. 2 and 3. Issued No. 2218-2219, dated the 10th March, 1933.

Submitted.

T. N. Thangavelu
Mudaliar.
11-3-1933.

Secretary.

S. N. 8.

Letter No.Pol.1175/Fl.219-32-2. dated the 13th June 1933. from the Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore.

Please see S.N. 3

The Govt. of Mysore state that the practice in Mysore has always been to restrict extraction to dry trees only and it is considered that the employement of any agency other than the Forest Dept., for cutting and removing Sandalwood would result in living trees being cut down. They therefore suggest that the present practice may continue.

If approved, a copy of the p.u.c. may be sent to the Collector, with the request that he will be so good as to state whether, in the circumstances explained by the Govt. of Mysore, he sees any objection to the present practice of removing dried up trees by the Revenue Authorities in the Station being continued.

With reference to the office notes at paras 13 & 14, the Govt. of Mysore may be addressed in the matter.

Two drafts submitted for approval.

T. N. Thangavelu
Sundaliar.
26-6-1933

Secretary

Can CO explain the difference between dry & unlimited trees? Cm 28

Coorg Office.

Please see routine note submitted below.

S. Nagarajan
6.7.33.

P.K.N.
6.7.33.

T.N.T.
7-7-33.

Routine Note

By "dry trees" is apparently meant trees or portions of trees which have dried up and are therefore fit for cutting and removal. In other words it means dead trees or branches.

"Mature trees" are on the other hand living trees of a certain stage of growth which justify their being cut. This stage is calculated according to the age of the tree, or the girth of the tree or both age and girth.

The age at which a sandal tree may be considered to be mature has been estimated as follows:-

(1) 40 years (57 years-full maturity) - vide para 11 of Mr. McCarthy's memorandum on sandal. Sl.19(M) of 56-98.

(2) 40 years - Girth 15 inches at 4 ft - 6 inches from the ground - vide page 3 of Mr. Minchin's letter at sl.29a of file 282-1913. (L)

(3) 94 years - Girth 36 inches at 4 ft - 6 inches from the ground - vide para 5 of Mr.Robinson's letter at sl.52 of file 282-1913. (T)

(4) 40 years - Girth 32 inches at 4 ft - 6 inches from the ground - vide page 586 of the Manual of Indian Timbers by Mr. J.S.Gamble pubd

(5) 27 to 30 years - vide pages 463 and 464 of the Dictionary of the Economic Products of India. pubd

(6) 30 to 35 years - vide page 2 of letter from the Colltr: C & M Station, Bangalore at sl.1 of R.O.file 370-1932. (A)

(7) Girth 18 inches - vide page 2 of Mr. Rickett's memorandum on sandalwood. sl.31a of R.O.file 114-87. (B)

According to the note on page 171 of the Mysore Forest Manual, a mature tree is one which is showing signs of decay, which is indicated by the following external symptoms

(a) dead main branches and leading shoot,
(b) decay of bark, and
(c) pale colour and diminutive size of the leaves.

S. Nagarajan
6.7.33

M.E.N.
6-7-33.

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paras 20 & 22
& notes on p N. 10
Acknowledged
8/8/45

CORRESPONDENCE.

sandalwood operations have taken place beyond collecting fallen and broken trees and felling decayed and dead trees and those that were obstructive to cultivation and to the erection of new buildings, etc. The revenue realised from such minor operations from 1900-01 to 1930-31 amounted to Rs.9,375/- exclusive of a quantity of about 18½ tons of sandalwood which has been lying at the Koti since October 1928 to October 1932.

I have no idea as to the number of matured, decayed and decaying trees that are now available in the Station, exclusive of those growing on the railway lands in the Mysore State, jurisdiction over which has been vested in the Government of India, it having been decided that they are the monopoly of the Mysore Government, vide Mr. Copeland's D.O. No.8036 dated 21-12-'09 to the Collector.

(* Put up in another connection)

Attempts were made at the time of the first operations to take a census of sandalwood trees growing in the Station, but they proved a failure for various reasons. Even if an attempt is now made, we will not be in a position to form an idea of the approximate quantity of heartwood of various qualities that may be available from them. I therefore find it difficult to decide whether or not to recommend the offer received, as I have no data on which to base an appreciation as to whether it is reasonable.

I gather that a sandalwood tree comes to maturity and becomes fit for felling from 30 to 35 years of age after which the heart of the tree begins to decay. This is what is said to have been noticed in 1896-1900 operations. Accordingly, seeds sown in 1895 should have grown into trees of 37 years of age, which means the heartwood

heartwood of several trees would have decayed. As sandalwood trees are very valuable, they should not any longer be allowed to lose their vitality.

Further, I see no reason why the Station sandalwood should even now be sold by the Mysore Government. As the entire revenue derived from the Station sandalwood forms part of the Assigned Tract Revenues, I am of opinion that we might undertake the sale of it in the Station either under a contract system similar to the one now applied for or under the direct management of the Collector. Sandalwood operations by either method should simultaneously be followed by dibbling seeds to maintain the revenue from this source in future years.

I therefore solicit instructions in the matter.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

17.11.32

COLLECTOR.

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No. 248 / 370-1932.

FROM

Captain G. Kirkbride, I.A.,

SECRETARY TO THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To

The Collector,
Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.

Dated, Bangalore, the 10th March *193* 3.

Subject.

Application from Mr. P.D.Sawmi Rao, for the purchase of sandalwood in the Civil & Military Station, Bangalore.

SIR,

S.N.I. With reference to your letter No.5252-D-32, dated the 16th November, 1932, on the above subject, I am directed to state that the Government of Mysore have been consulted in the matter and their reply is awaited.

2. It is observed from your letter under reference that the revenue realised from sandalwood operations from 1900-01 to 1930-31, amounted to Rs.9875/- exclusive of a quantity of about 18½ tons of sandalwood which has been lying at the Koti since October 1928 to October 1932. Under the orders contained in the proceedings of the Government of Mysore, No.5952-3 Fl.F.55-95, dated the 8th January, 1896, a copy of which was forwarded to you with the endorsement No.250 dated the 23rd January, 1896, from this Residency, an annual account showing the sale proceeds remitted to the Resident's Treasury on account of sandalwood felled and removed from the Civil & Military Station should be submitted to the Government of Mysore by their Conservator of Forests. I am to enquire whether copies of such accounts are being forwarded to you for information.

S.N.58/A 114-1887.

3. Under paragraph 2 of the endorsement No.250, dated the 23rd January, 1896, referred to above, the remittances made by the Government of Mysore to the Resident's Treasury from time to time should be

reported

All Communications should be addressed to the Secretary to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore, by designation and not by name.

No. 2219 Encl 1
370-1932.

FROM

Captain G. Kirkbride, I.A.,

SECRETARY TO THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Dated, Bangalore, the 10th **March** *193* **3.**

Subject.

Application from Mr. P. D. Sawmi Rao for the purchase of sandalwood in the Civil & Military Station, Bangalore.

SIR,

S.N. 1/A.

I am directed to forward a copy of an application dated the 14th October, 1932, from Mr. P.D. Sawmi Rao, Agent and Representative of Messrs. Audams & Company offering a sum of Rs.20,000/- for a license for a period of two years to cut and remove matured sandalwood trees within the limits of the Civil & Military Station, Bangalore and to request that you will be so good as to ascertain from the Conservator of Forests in Mysore whether the offer is reasonable.

2. If the offer is reasonable, I am to enquire whether the Government of Mysore see any objection to the license applied for being granted.

3. I am to add that in the event of the license being granted, steps will be taken to prevent smuggling of sandalwood from Mysore State into the Station.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

10.8.33.

for SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

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No. 5252-D-32.

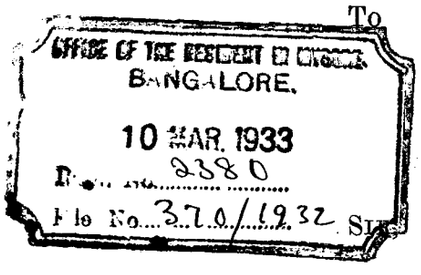
OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR,
CIVIL AND MILITARY STATION, BANGALORE.

Dated 7th March 1933.

FROM

G.H.Cooke Esq., M.C., I.C.S.,
COLLECTOR, CIVIL AND MILITARY STATION,
BANGALORE.

To



The Secretary to the Hon'ble
the Resident in Mysore,
B a n g a l o r e.

R. No. 1.

Station sandal-wood- my No. 5252-D-32 dated 23-1-33

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The District Forest Officer states that the only reason for the Mysore Government not selling the Station sandal-wood is that the Sandal Oil Factory is not drawing its supply, and that consequently the preparation of the wood in the Koti has been suspended. He also states that there is on hand a large stock of prepared wood.

There seems to be little use in our sending to the Koti any more sandal-wood for some years to come. If the matured trees in the Station now ready for felling are allowed to stand indefinitely, they will eventually die or decay, resulting in loss of revenue.

In the circumstances I think it would be profitable for us to sell it in the Station, instead of sending it to the Koti. May I request you therefore kindly to move the Hon'ble the Resident to address the Mysore Government to let us know whether they have any objection to our selling the Station sandal-wood to private individuals instead of sending it to the Koti?

I have the honour to be,
Sir
Your most obedient servant

COLLECTOR.

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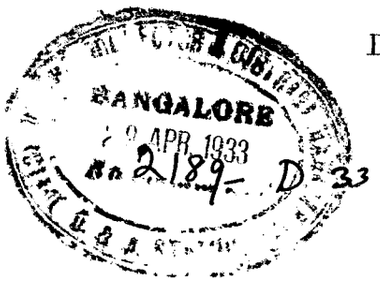
THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT'S TREASURY,
BANGALORE.

Dated the 28th April 1933.



No. M.A.T. 126

From
M.R.Ry. Rao Sahib, S. Kuppuswami Naidu, Garu, B.A.,
Officer in charge of the Hon'ble the Resident's Treasury,
Bangalore.

To
The Secretary to the
Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore,
Bangalore.

THROUGH
The Collector,
Civil and Military Station,
Bangalore.

Subject:- Sandalwood receipts during 1932-33.

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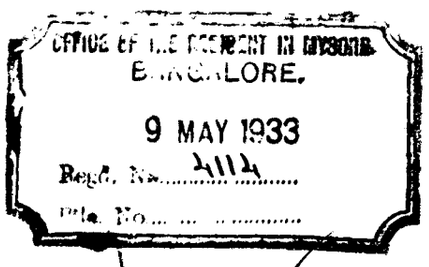
Sir,

R.N.2. X Copy (5)

With reference to your letter No.2218/370-1932 dated 10th March 1933 addressed to the Collector, copy sent to this office, I have the honour to state that no sandalwood receipts were credited in the Government account under Mysore Assigned Tract XXXV - Miscellaneous - Miscallensous - Sandalwood receipts during the year 1932-33.



I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

TREASURY OFFICER,
BANGALORE.

No. N.DIS. 2189-D-33.

Forwarded.

COLLECTOR,
C & M Stn, Bangalore.

No. 5252-D-32.

Office of the Collector,
Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.

Dated 19th May 1933.

From

G.H.Cooke Esq., M.C., I.C.S.,
Collector, Civil and Military Station,
BANGALORE.

To

The Secretary to the Hon'ble
the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore.

OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE
BANGALORE.
22 MAY 1933
No. 4557
No. 370/32

Sir,

Application from Mr. P.D.Swami Rao for purchase of sandalwood in the Civil & Military Station, Bangalore- Your letters Nos. 2218/370-1932 dated 10-3-33 and 3114 dated 22-4-33.

The Mysore Government are not furnishing this office with copies of annual accounts showing the sale proceeds remitted into the Resident's Treasury in respect of Station sandal-wood.

I have instructed the Treasury Officer to intimate to you in future the remittances made into the Treasury by the Mysore Government.

I request you kindly to let me know whether any reply has been received from the Mysore Government regarding the suggested sale of Station sandal-wood to a private individual.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

DESPATCHED
20 MAY 1933

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COLLECTOR.

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All Communications should be addressed to the Secretary to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore, by designation and not by name.

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FROM

Major G. Kirkbride, I.A.,
SECRETARY TO THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To

The Collector,

Civil and Military Station,

Bangalore.

Dated, Bangalore, the 14th July *1933.*

Subject.

Application from Mr. P.D.Swami Raw for the purchase of Sandalwood in the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore.

S. W. b arte

SIR,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No.5252-D-32, dated the 19th May 1933, I am directed to forward a copy of a letter No.Pol.1175/Fl.219-32-2, dated the 13th June 1933, from the Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore, and to enquire whether, in the circumstances explained by the Government of Mysore, you see any objection to the continuance of the present practice of removing only the dry trees. A very early reply is requested.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

6/c

13.7.33

for SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

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THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT'S TREASURY,
BANGALORE,
Dated the 17th April 1934.

No.M.A.C. Enquiry

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FROM

M.R.Ry. P.M. Raman Nayar, Avl.,
OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE HON'BLE
THE RESIDENT'S TREASURY, BANGALORE.

To

The Secretary to the Hon'ble
The Resident in Mysore,
Bangalore.

Filed
M/C.G.N.E.
25/4/34

SIR,

Through;- The Collector,
Civil & Military Station,
Bangalore.

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Subject;- Sandalwood receipts during 1933-34.

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Sir,

S.N. 2
01 (A)

With reference to your letter No.2218/370-1932 dated 10th March 1934 addressed to the Collector, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore, copy sent to this - - office, I have the honour to state that a sum of Rs.4267 was credited in the Government account under Mysore--

Assigned Tract XXXV Miscellaneous-Miscellaneous-

P.T.O.

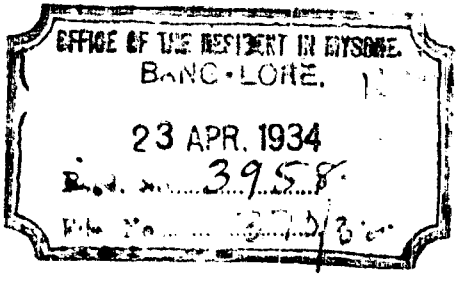
Miscellaneous-Sandalwood Receipts" during the year - -

1933-34.

I have the honour to be ,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,



TREASURY OFFICER
BANGALORE.

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Forwarded.

Collector.

O. & M. Stn. Bangalore

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